

**REMARKS**

Applicant cancels claim 4 and amends claims 1, 5, and 6. Claims 1-3 and 5-11 (3 independent claims; 10 total claims) remain pending in the application. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

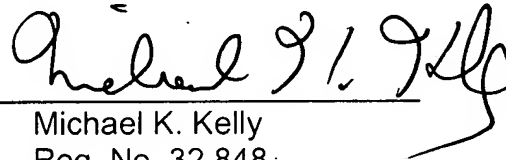
**CONCLUSION**

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if he or she has any questions whatsoever regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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